

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Those who believe religion and politics aren't connected don't understand either.

— Mahatma Gandhi

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ayre

John Ward

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: From the corners of worry and fear,
from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

**P: God calls us to this place of sanctuary
where we can draw from Love's deep wells.**

L: In every moment where we look for strength to continue,
in every time we wonder if faith is worth it,

**P: Jesus calls us to this time
where we can welcome the peace given to us.**

L: In every person who embraces us with acceptance,
in every touch that offers healing and hope,

**P: the Spirit calls us to see those around us
as God's beloved, our sisters and brothers of grace.**

***HYMN #367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We long to be like Jesus, but all too often we imitate the foolishness we find all around us. Let us speak of our lives to the One who forgives us and calls us by name. Let us join together, as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers:

**called to treat all people equally,
we take sides and pick favorites;
chosen to be your children,
we arrogantly assume others are not so honored;
challenged to be examples of faith,
we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.**

Forgive us, Giver of Rest.

**Enable us to stop putting you to the test,
so we can open our hypocritical hearts
to your healing touch of compassion and hope.**

**As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us,
may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully.**

(time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Hear the good news:

**the One who created goodness and beauty
is also the One who shows no partiality,
but offers grace and peace to all.**

**P: God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked -
forgiven us, healed us, restored us.**

Thanks be to God! Amen!

**L: And as God's forgiven, healed and restored people,
let us share signs of reconciliation and friendship.
May the peace of Christ be with you!**

P: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word that the message of the gospel may come to us in power. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God....

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

(OT p.64)

L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:15-22

(NT p.24)

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

The Image On Our Souls

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #343

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

O God whose image we bear,
If we dared render our prayers to someone other than you,
they would not be heard and there would be no response.
Our petitions and our gratitude belong only to you,
and we offer them with urgency.

We pray for those who suffer
in body, mind or soul;
under oppressive governments, families and relationships;
persecution, indignity, ridicule or shame;
financial hardship.
Grant healing, release, confidence and provision.

We pray for those who inflict suffering:
bullies, racists, misogynists;
elected and appointed officials who exercise power
with thoughtless or calculated cruelty
or vindictively or for personal gain;
for leaders of families or any enterprise,
who visit their brokenness upon those entrusted
to their care, direction or employ.
May their hearts be moved and their eyes opened
to see your image in all people;
to repent and be made new.

We pray for this church;
may we seek to more fully reflect the mind of Christ
and be his body in the world.
May our hands bind up the wounds of the broken.
May our hearts break with compassion.
May our voices sing your praise,
bear witness to your transformative power
and proclaim your gospel.
May our worship, programs and activities
reveal your kingdom and nurture your people.

There are certainly other prayers in here today,
O God of wild diversity and experience.
And we know that you render no judgment
on the quality or content of our prayers,
but hear them all as a reflection of our truest selves.
So hear us as we give voice to our other petitions and celebrations.

Now listen as we claim your vision for our own, saying ...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Hymn of Praise To The Creator Eric H. Thiman

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly for aye we adore Him! Amen.

— Joachim Neander, trans. by Catherine Winkworth

*DOXOLOGY #609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

based on 1 Thessalonians 1:5

We trust you, Generous God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #733

"We All Are One In Mission"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March Maestoso

Henry Purcell

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Benevolence Bazaar

DPC will be holding it's annual Benevolence Bazaar in the fellowship hall right after worship on October 22nd. This will be a great opportunity to meet representatives from the various organizations that we as a congregation support, hear firsthand the essential work they do, and find out how you can get more involved. Light refreshments will be provided!

Cauldron Cook-off

Sunday, October 29 is our annual competition for soups, stews, chilis, desserts and carved pumpkins! The event is in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Entry for competition is not required--everyone is welcome to bring crockpots full of favorite dishes, as well as desserts.

Categories for which prizes will be awarded are Traditional Chili, Non-traditional Chili, and Vegetarian Chili, with a separate category for Soups & Stews. There is also a prize for Best Dessert AND Best Carved Pumpkin. Bring pumpkins that are pre-carved.

Contact: clairearmbruster@gmail.com

DPC Book Group

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined). We will be discussing *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild.

ARLIE RUSSELL
HOCHSCHILD
STRANGERS
IN THEIR
OWN LAND



Please contact Joel (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.

Liturgist Training

For two months now you've seen and heard announcements about our anticipated move to using as many as three liturgists in our Sunday worship, each one specifically trained as a dialogical, scriptural or prayer leader. The training sessions for each of the three areas will happen after worship on the following Sundays:

- November 5 - Dialogical
- November 26 - Scriptural
- December 3 - Prayer

Even if you haven't already signed up to be a part of the liturgical team, you can still sign up in the narthex or simply attend one or more of the sessions.

New Member Inquirer Sessions

If you're interested in becoming a member of DPC or just learning more about the church or being Presbyterian, Pastor Mike will be holding sessions on the following Sundays:

- October 29
- November 5
- November 19
- November 26



Ideally inquirers will attend the first three Sundays with the fourth as a make-up day, if necessary.

This is a great opportunity to explore membership, meet new people and hang out with Mike. And attending the sessions in no way obligates you to actually join the church.

We'll meet at 9:45 in the Morning Brew Lounge (the comfy room by the parking lot door). Coffee and snacks will be provided! So Mike knows how much new member material to order, please let him know you're coming at: mikewilson@dpchurch.com

Hand Bell Choir Meeting

Congratulations to everyone at Downtown Presbyterian Church for raising the money to purchase a beautiful 3-octave set of hand bells with all of the bells and whistles included!

As we begin this new ministry, please consider joining the newest DPC choir, our hand bell choir. But I can't read music? Not a problem as long as you can count to 6. But, it's been awhile since I've played hand bells? Not a problem either. During our first rehearsals we will begin with the basics and take our progress very slowly. Our first organizational meeting will be **today, October 22, following the 11 a.m. service**. During this meeting, we will discuss our weekly rehearsal time.

Please contact William Taylor, our director of music, if you have any questions.

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "dpchurch offering" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space.

Otter Creek is sending volunteers for the Third Saturday breakfast that was previously run by the DPC Community. Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday, but are greatly needed for the 5th Saturday in December. We also want to enlarge our pool of experienced DPC hosts for those Saturdays when other churches and organizations are sending volunteers.

Go here to sign up for any Saturday and to see who else is coming: <https://goo.gl/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

If you can volunteer please respond to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

145 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 14.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults: 52, Children: 8

Visitors and Tourists

46 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Sunday, October 22

- 12:00 Benevolence Bazaar
- 12:00 Hand Bell Choir Meeting

Monday, October 23

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 24

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
- 12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 2

Wednesday, October 25

Thursday, October 26

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 27

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, October 28

- 8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, October 29

- 9:30 Juveniles Rehearsal
- 9:45 New Members Class – Morning Brew Lounge
- 9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 Christian Education – all ages
- 11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Cauldron Cook Off

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace – each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Betsy Bahn, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2017

Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor
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